JUNIOR YEAR ROADMAP

Fall

GRAD PLAN & TRANSCRIPT

Review these documents provided to you by the Counseling Department. If you see something that appears to be incorrect, connect with your North Star Counselor (i.e., send an email, make an appointment, or call)

RESEARCH COLLEGE ADMISSIONS

If you plan on attending college, now is the time to begin researching college admissions requirements for the school(s) you wish to apply to. Every college or university has their admissions criteria on their websites.

- University of Nevada, Reno: Research the core academic GPA requirements for admission as well as the scholarship matrix
- Truckee Meadows Community College: Research the 2-and 4-year degrees as well as the certificate and job training programs

COLLEGIATE ATHLETICS

If you are hoping to participate in college athletics for a Division I, II, or III school, students must register with the NCAA Eligibility Center. There are specific core classes, GPA, and SAT/ACT scores that you may need for eligibility. Learn more at: https://web3.ncaa.org/ecwr3/



Trade School or Apprenticeships

If you are interested in attending a trade school or seeking an apprenticeship, begin researching opportunities at:

- https://www.buildingtradejobs.org/
- https://www.tmcc.edu/career-technical-education

Optional Testing

A**SVAB Career Interest Inventory**: The ASVAB serves two purposes: 1) it is a robust civilian career interest inventory, or 2) it is used for those wishing to enter military service (scores are not shared with recruiters; students must share with them). This free opportunity is offered at zone schools only. Must contact zone school to sign up for test. Contact your North Star counselor if you need help.

PSAT/NMSQT Test: All college bound students are encouraged to take this. Taking the test as a junior is the only time a student has the opportunity to potentially qualify as a National Merit Semi-Finalist, which can lead to scholarship options. The digital test will be held at North Star on Oct 21, 2025. Info will be emailed to all families

NV MILLENNIUM SCHOLARSHIP

There is not an application process for this scholarship; however, students must earn a minimum cumulative weighted GPA of 3.25 or higher in addition to core class and residency requirements by the time they graduate high school. Learn more about this opportunity at https://www.nevadatreasurer.gov/ggms/ggms_home/

WCSD COLLEGE FAIR

This will be held on Sunday, October 19, 2025 from 11:00am-2:00pm at the Reno-Sparks Convention Center, located at 4590 S. Virginia Street. This is an opportunity to meet college representatives as well as attend seminars on a variety of topics, including financial aid and scholarships, first generation students, and much more. Register at bit.ly/4lAo4GE

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ADDITIONAL CAREER INTEREST INVENTORIES

Completing one or more of these can help students align their interests and goals to potential career options in the future.
https://www.careeronestop.org/
https://nvworkforceconnections.org/
https://bigfuture.collegeboard.org
https://www.act.org/content/act/en/students-andparents/career-planning.html

SCHOLARSHIP SEARCH

Begin researching scholarship opportunities that you may be eligible to apply for during your junior or senior year of high school. Pay attention to the eligibility requirements, the documents required, and the due dates for submission.

- https://www.fastweb.com
- https://www.goingmerry.com
- https://bigfuture.collegeboard.org/pay-forcollege/ scholarship-directory

ACCOMPLISHMENTS RESUME

Consider drafting a resume that lists all of your accomplishments in high school, to include any awards, distinctions, AP exam scores, community service, club participation, and employment. This is meant to be a living document that you continue to add to, which will help when writing a future college essay, applying for a job, or applying for a scholarship opportunity.



Spring

PLAN FOR SENIOR YEAR

Participate in the course registration process with your North Star Counselor as well as consult with your family about course request decisions. Review the North Star Course Options Document and consider if taking a dual credit class is right for you. Dual credit courses are taught in the traditional or online setting through TMCC, WNC and UNR. The cost of any dual credit class is the responsibility of the student and their family, but can provide a jump start to earning college credits in high school.

TAKE THE ACT AT NORTH STAR

All juniors will automatically be registered to take this College & Career Readiness (CCR) assessment on campus at North Star Online School starting on February 24, 2026. There is not a cost for students. Taking this is a graduation requirement in WCSD, regardless of score. Keep an eye out on emails letting you know your testing day.

Summer

STANDARDIZED TESTING

Consider if re-taking the ACT or taking the SAT is right for you, based on the college admissions or scholarship requirements at your school(s) of choice.

- https://www.act.org
- https://www.collegeboard.org

COLLEGE VISITS

Many colleges and universities offer in-person and/or virtual tours of their campuses. These experiences can answer many questions that prospective students and families may have about the transition to college life.

- UNR Nevada Bound Tours: These are immersive tours geared toward prospective students and their families.

Schedule a tour online at https://admissions.unr.edu/portal/nevadabound

Questions

Reach out to your North Star Counselor with any questions you may have. Counselor emails addresses and booking links can be found on the North Star Counseling Website